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APPENDIX I

[Vide answer to starred question No. 895 asked by Sri P. G. Manickkam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 18th March 1961, page 3 supra.]

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No amount has been specifically set apart for the provision of electric street lights in Harijan colonies. But electrification of Harijan colonies which includes provision of electric street lights therein, has not been hampered on this account.

Provision exists in the Second Plan for the electrification of the villages in the State and it has been ordered that when schemes are evolved for the electrification of panchayat areas, the adjoining Harijan colonies should also be included in such schemes and taken up for electrification. Besides, the Government have decided to make an annual grant of Rs. 1·5 lakhs from the Harijan Welfare Funds for a period of ten years to meet the shortfall in revenue from unremunerative schemes for the electrification of Harijan colonies adjoining panchayats which have already been electrified. Under this scheme a grant of Rs. 1·5 lakhs was made in 1957-58, Rs. 2 lakhs in 1958-59 and Rs. 1·5 lakhs in 1959-60. The entire amounts have been utilized. About 500 electric street lights were connected up in the Harijan colonies in the State during 1959-60.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 900 asked by Sri S. M. Annamalai (on behalf of Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar) at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 18th March 1961, page 5 supra.]

(*a*) In 1955 the Superintendent, Medicinal Farm attached to the College of Integrated Medicine, Madras (now Kilpauk Medical College) was appointed as Special Officer for identification of medicinal plants in their natural sites in the forest areas.

(*b*) The Special Officer submitted his report in February 1956. The report contained the following recommendations :—

(1) Opening of five medicinal farms at five different regions of the State, manned by the requisite staff at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,00,000 per annum.

(2) Establishment of medicinal farms by the Forest Department and also collection, grading, storing and sale of drugs to Government institutions and to the public by that department.

(3) Expansion of the existing pharmacy in the Hospital and College of Integrated Medicine (now Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital) to cater to the needs of all hospitals.

(4) Appointment of a Committee consisting of the Assistant Director of Medical Services (Indigenous Medicine) to keep alive the scheme for identification of medicinal plants or herbs in the forests.